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WEAPON

WHO IS WEAPON H?

ROXXON REPORT #342

NAME: CLAY [redacted]
OCCUPATION: Ex-military [redacted]
HISTORY: Team [redacted] orders to eliminate a [redacted] village of [redacted] civilians. Subject refused and murdered his entire [redacted] squad.

[redacted] full identity unknown. [redacted] searching military records for potential relations.

Subject reported K.I.A., [redacted] released to Weapon X.

[redacted] failed experiments, Wolverine/Hulk DNA [redacted] H-Alpha succeeded. Subject labeled "Weapon H."

Roxxon Sky Whale F-10 sent to engage.

Subject [redacted] contact with Ur-Wendigo Wendigo destroyed.

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AAAARROOOOO!"

OH MY GOD... DARREN, THOSE... THOSE ARE *WOLVES!*

THERE AREN'T ANY *WOLVES* IN WASHINGTON, CHRIS.

BESIDES, *HEALTHY* WOLVES DON'T SEE PEOPLE AS *PREY*. WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO--

RRRRAAAAARR!

--OMIGOD.

AAAAAAAGH!

I... TOLD YOU SO?

FORTY MILES WEST.

AAARRRROOOOOOOO

I'VE LOST THEM.

WHATEVER THEY ARE.

NOW I JUST HAVE TO LOSE *MYSELF.*

IT'S EASY...

...JUST KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN...

...EMPTY YOUR MIND...

...AND...

DAMMIT.

SEVEN YEARS AGO.

THERE'S OUR TURN.

INTERSTATE 90 EAST

Spokane

HEADING HOME.

HONEYMOON'S NEARLY OVER.

NAH.

NEVER.

SONIA...

I COULD MAKE IT BACK TO *TEXAS* IN A *DAY.*

TOMORROW MORNING I COULD BE KNOCKING ON YOUR DOOR--

NO.

405 SOUTH

EMPTY YOUR MIND.

EMPTY YOUR MIND.

EMPTY YOUR MIND...

...AND NO ONE GETS HURT.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

BZZZT BZZZT

COME ON.

BZZZT BZZZT

DANG. WHERE'S THE FIRE?

I'M LOOKING FOR ANSON DAVIES.

OH. OL' ANSON DON'T LIKE STRANGERS.

I'M NOT A STRANGER. I MEAN...

...I THINK HE KNOWS *MY HUSBAND.*

EAGLESTAR. BLUE TEAM.

OH, MAN.

THAT'S *CLAY,* AIN'T IT?

MR. DAVIES...?

HNN...

LOOK, I DON'T WANT--

I JUST... I JUST NEED TO KNOW...

...HOW HE *DIED.*

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK HE'S DEAD?

THAT'S... THAT'S WHAT *EAGLESTAR* SAID...

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

BUT THEY DIDN'T GIVE YOU THE *PAPERS* OR *REPORT* OR NONE OF THAT, HUH?

LOOK, I WASN'T THERE. WE WERE ON DIFFERENT MISSIONS.

BUT THEY SAID HIM AND HIS WHOLE TEAM GOT MASSACRED IN *AFRICA* BY *PIPELINE WORKERS.*

COME ON, NOW.

WE HAD *FULL TAC ARMOR.* STATE-OF-THE-ART *EAGLESTAR PULSE RIFLES.*

I SAW THOSE PIPELINE WORKERS. THOSE POOR BASTARDS WERE READING *GANDHI. NONVIOLENT RESISTANCE.* THEY JUST SAT ON THE TRACKS.

THEY WERE TRYING TO *SHAME* ROXXON INTO PULLING OUT.

BUT ROXXON DON'T GOT NO SHAME.

BUT THAT... THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.

IF HE'S *ALIVE,* WHY HASN'T HE COME *HOME?*

WE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME GUY, HERE?

CLAY WAS THE TOUGHEST SUMMABITCH I EVER MET.

HE COULD KILL YOU SIX DIFFERENT WAYS IN THREE MINUTES.

MAYBE YOU'RE *LUCKY* HE HASN'T COME HOME.

ROXXON NORTHERN COMMAND. LOCATION CLASSIFIED.

YOU TOLD ME THOSE BROOD-WOLVES ARE THE GREATEST TRACKERS WE'VE EVER ENGINEERED.

THEY ARE, DIRECTOR AGGER...

...BUT THE TARGET CHANGED HIS SCENT SOMEHOW.

THEY'VE ONLY NOW PICKED IT BACK UP...THREE HUNDRED MILES AWAY.

HOW LONG UNTIL THEY ACTUALLY FIND HIM?

I CAN'T TELL YOU, SIR...

...BUT WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME RIGHT HERE.

WE HAVE TO FOCUS ON THE ASSETS WE'VE ALREADY COLLECTED.

WE DON'T NEED HIM.

THE LONGER HE EVADES US...

...THE MORE I THINK HE'S EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED.

SIR, WE'VE GOT MAYBE 72 HOURS BEFORE THAT VAULT DOOR FINALLY GIVES--

ALL RIGHT. HERE'S THE PLAN.

WE'VE SEEN HIM IN ACTION.

SO WE KNOW THAT DESPITE HIS ANTI-SOCIAL ATTITUDE, HE STICKS HIS NECK OUT TO HELP INNOCENTS.

SO LET'S FIND SOME INNOCENTS...

"...OR THE NEXT CLOSEST THING."

ROSEBURG, OREGON.

ARRRROOOOOOOO

WHAT THE HELL...?

STATE PRISONERS AT WORK

AAROOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

IT'S NOTHING. JUST DOGS. GET BACK TO WORK.

GRRRRRR...

GRRRRRRRRRRRRRR

THOSE...

...THOSE AREN'T *DOGS*, MAN.

LET'S GET BACK ON THE BUS--

SHUT UP AND GET BACK TO WORK *NOW*, OR--

GRRRRAAAAAAA!

AAAAGH!

SHAAA

AAAAUGH!

SHOULDA GOTTEN BACK ON THE BUS.

HOLY HELL.

ARE YOU... ARE YOU *WOLVERINE?*

NAH...

SKKKKRRRRRRRAAAAAAAA!

...I'M BETTER.

HOLEE--

THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

SHUUUNK

SKLORCH

SKRRRAAK

OKAY, COME ON, THAT'S NOT JUST *INSTINCT.*

NO, SIR. THOSE ARE TRAINED MOVES. COMBINATION OF *KRAV MAGA, JIUJITSU...*

"...AND THE BREAKWORLD DEATH PUNCH!"

SMASH

SKRRRADKOOOOOM

HE...HE JUST KNOCKED OUT AN *ACANTI SKYWHALE.*

N-*NOBODY* KNOCKS OUT AN ACANTI SKYWHALE!

HA HA! I *TOLD* YOU HE WAS OUR BOY!

BUT LET'S NOT GET TOO EXCITED YET, DOCTOR.

I'M NOT *EXCITED.*

I'M *TERRIFIED.*

LET'S JUST SEE HOW HE HANDLES...

"...THE SKY *SHARKS!*"

CHOMMPP

AAAGH!

CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP
RRRR...
...RARGH!
"HE--HE JUST CUT THROUGH HIS OWN *THIGH!*"
"SACRIFICE MOVE.
"CLASSIC *SAKAARAN HIVER MANEUVER...*
"...AND THAT'S JUST GOOD OLD-FASHIONED *BERSERKER MAYHEM.*"
ALL RIGHT THEN, DOCTOR. WHAT MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS TEACH *ALL* OF THOSE *METHODS?*
WELL, SIR...
...LET'S RUN IT THROUGH THE DATABASE...

"...AND SEE WHAT TURNS UP."

EULESS, TEXAS.

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF CLAY? FOR *REAL?*

HE WASN'T CHINESE.

MA...

...SERIOUSLY...

I DIDN'T TRUST HIM.

TOO MUCH LIKE YOUR FATHER.

TOO *QUIET.*

BUT I WATCHED CLOSE.

AND HE ALWAYS TREATED YOU RIGHT.

YOU AND THE BABIES.

WHEN HE WAS *AROUND,* ANYWAY.

I THINK AT LEAST...

...HE *WANTED* TO BE GOOD.

MA...

...CAN YOU PICK UP THE KIDS AFTER SCHOOL...

SURE.

...AND TAKE CARE OF 'EM FOR A FEW DAYS?

WHAT?!

THANKS, MA!

TCH!

SHAAAAAANG

WAAUGH!

DON'T-- DON'T KILL ME!

WHY'RE *YOU* TRYING TO KILL *ME*?

WE'RE *NOT!*

MY ORDERS WERE TO *CAPTURE* YOU!

DON'T GIVE ME THAT!

YOU'RE A *SOLDIER,* AREN'T YOU?

THEY WANT TO *HIRE* YOU.

LOOK, I KNOW ROXXON HAS A LESS-THAN-PRISTINE REPUTATION.

BUT THIS... THIS THING IS *BIG.* IF YOU WANT TO *HELP* PEOPLE--

EVERY TIME SOMEONE SAYS THEY WANT ME TO *HELP* PEOPLE...

...THEY REALLY WANT ME TO *KILL* PEOPLE.

I--I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. I'M JUST SAYING--

YOU JUST TELL YOUR BOSSES...

...LEAVE ME *ALONE!*

SIX HOURS LATER.

DIRECTOR AGGER...WE STILL HAVEN'T LOCATED HIM...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, DOCTOR.

EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL.

HELLO.

I'M LOOKING FOR ANSON DAVIES?

DANG.

WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS.

DOES IT NOW?

REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK.

KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN.

EMPTY YOUR MIND.

AND DISAPPEAR.

IT'S... INCREDIBLE.

YEAH...

I LOVE YOU, HUSBAND.

I LOVE YOU, WIFE.

"DIRECTOR AGGER, WE HAVE A PING."

"FANTASTIC...

"...INITIATE THE *SPAWN*."

"SIR... ARE YOU CERTAIN?"

"I'M *ALWAYS* CERTAIN, DOCTOR."

"I'M JUST SAYING... YOU'VE SPENT SO MUCH TIME TRYING TO *CAPTURE* THIS HULKVERINE *ALIVE*...

"...BUT IF HE SHOWS ANY *FEAR*...

"...HE WILL *BURN* AT THE *MAN-THING'S* TOUCH."

"GIVEN EVERYTHING WE *NEED* HIM TO *DO*...

"...IF HE SHOWS *FEAR*, DOCTOR..."

...*LET* HIM BURN.

TO BE CONTINUED!

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WEAPON

WE WANT LETTERS!

Welcome to the WEAPON H letters page, fanverines! This is the home for all our worst puns, so get ready -- and send us your own in the form of titles for this very page! Love for issue #1 has poured in, and your hardworking scribe Greg Pak took a break from the latest WH script to answer a few of those letters. Sit back and enjoy!

As a 13-year-old, I read my first Wolverine vs. Hulk story, and WEAPON H #1 is like a childhood dream come true! It's everything I would have been compelled to write about if I had been given the chance to bring life to the pages. Thank you for this! Here's to 1,000 issues more!

Also, I have a name for the letters page: LETTERS OF H DESTRUCTION.

Until Clay also gains the powers of a mighty duck quack, Make Mine Marvel!

Clifton

Thanks so much for the kind words, Clifton! I'm gonna let you in on a little secret: When I name my script files, I usually number them "01," "02," et cetera. But with this project, I started numbering them with "001" -- giving myself room to hit THREE DIGITS here! You gotta dream! And with readers like you, who knows, maybe we could make that dream come true!

Also, that's a pretty fun letters page title! Let's open up the invite to everyone -- if you have a suggestion of a title for our letters page, please email it to mheroes@marvel.com! We'll announce the winner soon!

Wow! I just read the first issue of WEAPON H, and I am blown away! I've never written in before, but this issue compelled me to tell you guys how much I love this! I was very skeptical when I heard of the Hulk/Wolverine concept. You have washed all my fears away! This character is just an amazing, fun read. Clay also has this really nice military style that reminds of PUNISHER, which is my all-time favorite series. The artwork and especially the coloring from Morry Hollowell are unmatched. I can't wait to delve deeper into this story and explore Clay's background.

Excelsior!
Justin

Thanks, Justin! I'm smiling when I read this because I love it when I have the chance to take a gonzo idea like a Hulk/Wolverine hybrid and run like heck with it. I think everyone involved with this book just grinned and thought, "That sounds like fun!" And then we found the emotional core within this big, fun idea, and things really took off. I'm so glad it's working for you!

Also, thanks for specifically calling out Morry's work for praise. Morry's vibrant colors and Joe Caramagna's awesome balloons and sound effects are a huge part of the book's impact.

Dear Greg and Cory as well as the entire WEAPON H team,

I just read #1 and loved it! I had no intention of buying a book today when I stopped into a shop for some new boxes to replace my 30-year-old boxes. (I got the short black box with Hulk on it.) I saw your book and I knew I had to read it so I added that to my purchase. Wow, awesome!

I have been mashing up characters in my own drawings, stories and games for decades. I think my ultimate was a triple mash of Wolverine-Colossus-Archangel, a magnificent metal monster. I hope we get to see more crazy (dare I say overdue?) mashups in the near future.

I have a few questions if you'll indulge me. Is Clay's skeleton laced with Adamantium like Logan's? If so, how does he grow larger? What are those studs or spikes that come from Hulkverine's arms and legs? Where do those spikes go when Hulkverine (I can't stand that name, but it's funny) turns back to Clay?

Thanks for the fun book! Please keep going; I need to see more!

Ryan

Hey, Ryan! Thanks so much for the kind words! And good choice on the Hulk box!

To answer your questions: Clay's imbued with Adamantium in nanotech form. So when he Hulks out, the Adamantium nanites come together to form the big claws and spikes you see him with. And when he de-Hulks, the nanites break apart and those claws/spikes melt away inside him as they retract.

I think of the spikes serving the same kind of function as antlers or jagged protrusions on the shells of some turtles or dinosaurs -- they provide defense and a way to hold back or pin opponents in close combat. But they have even more abilities, as we revealed last issue. And we'll reveal even MORE of Clay's abilities as the series continues!

When I heard about this series I was like, "NO WAY is Marvel actually doing this." Then when I saw Hulkverine with claws, I was like Shuri in BLACK PANTHER going, "WHAT ARE THOSE!!!" My mind is blown -- what a great first issue. Greg Pak, I loved the writing; Cory Smith, I loved the drawing. Can't wait till the next issue.

Shane

Thanks so much, Shane! Cory's doing tremendous work, isn't he? Just wait 'til you see what he's got cooking for next issue. We're having tons of fun on this book and we're thrilled you're along for the ride!

Wow, I am shook! I just finished issue #1 of WEAPON H, and it was absolutely incredible! I am relatively new to comics -- I got my first trade paperback for Christmas last year, THE DEATH OF WOLVERINE -- and I have been in love with Marvel Comics ever since.

I have mostly read trades since then, and this is the first comic I have bought on release day, as I was just so intrigued to see what a half Hulk/half Wolverine creature would be like.

I was not disappointed -- the storyline was amazing, I love the artwork and the dialogue, and I can't wait to see what happens next in this series!

Make Mine Marvel!
Tom
Devon, UK

Wow! So WEAPON H #1 was your first monthly comic? That blows my mind -- thanks so much for jumping on board! This kind of note seriously makes my day. I loved that feeling as a kid of picking up monthly books and getting so excited and hungry for the next issues. It's a little overwhelming to think about folks feeling the same way about books I'm working on. On behalf of the whole team, thank you, Tom, and thanks so much to everyone who's reading and talking up the book! We'll keep on doing our best to top ourselves with big action and emotion every month! See you next time!

Greg

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